Docket No.: 071971-0667 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080

Ichiro KAWASHIMA : Confirmation Number: 5959

Application No.: 10/586,611 : Group Art Unit: 2819

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For: ENCODING/DECODING DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 2, 2008, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.